

Attn: Ramona Hedges, Planning Commission Secretary

My name is Michelle Bevington and I want to encourage you to vote in favor of the California Flats Solar project. I had the chance to work on the Topaz Solar Farm and found the work to be rewarding. That project was beneficial to our county. The work is interesting and it feels great to be helping the environment. Many efforts were put in place to insure worker safety and the protection of plants and animals. We had very stringent rules regarding any contact with the wildlife and plants that we were required to follow. Any deviation was simply not tolerated. The subcontractor I worked for was excellent and I hope to have the chance to work again on such a project because I gained skills that I did not have prior and has it has helped my career. I know many other local people that were also helped with a greatly needed job.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Michelle Bevington, Nipomo

# MONTEREY COUNTY



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April 6, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission  
c/o James A. Bergman, Planning & Building Director  
County Government Center  
1055 Monterey Street, Room D170  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Subject: California Flats Solar Project – Access Road Improvements & Staging Areas  
(DRC2014-00015)

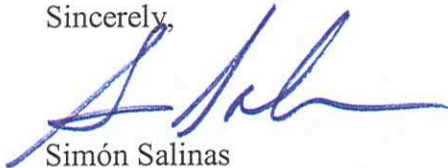
Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Commissioners:

The California Flats Solar Project (the “Project”) is a 280 megawatt alternating current solar facility and related improvements located in unincorporated Monterey County. Monterey County is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and conducted an extensive public review process for the Project that included multiple public hearings, scoping meetings, and South County Land Use Advisory Committee meetings. Monterey County staff kept San Luis Obispo County staff informed about the project throughout the process. On February 10, 2015, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project subject to 98 conditions, including extensive mitigation measures and related monitoring requirements.

The Project is located approximately seven miles southeast of the town of Parkfield near the borders of Monterey County, San Luis Obispo County, Fresno County, and Kern County. The generating facilities (including solar arrays) for the Project are located entirely within Monterey County. However, the Project includes improvements to the existing access road, including a portion of the road that is located in San Luis Obispo County. Additionally, the Project includes a temporary staging areas and improvements to State Route 41 located in the Caltrans right-of-way that are also located in San Luis Obispo County. These are the only elements of the Project that are located in San Luis Obispo County.

I encourage you to support this Project. This Project will help both the County of Monterey and the State of California achieve renewable energy goals and related greenhouse gas reduction goals. Moreover, this Project will result in significant public and environmental benefits in both Monterey County and San Luis Obispo County and will benefit the residents of my District in particular. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in regard to this Project.

Sincerely,



Simón Salinas  
Supervisor, Third District



**FW: SLO Board of Supervisors**  
**Dawn Legg** to: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

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Ramona,  
One of the supporters for tomorrow's California Flats Project (item#6) has sent a letter of support below. Would you be so kind to forward to Planning Commissioners and/or put it in the record please?  
Let me know if you need me to do something else, otherwise, thank you very much!  
Sincerely,  
Dawn Legg

-----Original Message-----

From: Alice Howard [mailto:parkfielddalice@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:25 AM  
To: Dawn Legg  
Subject: SLO Board of Supervisors

To the SLO Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alice Howard and I am a resident in the township of Parkfield in Monterey county.

I strongly support the California Flats First Solar project as I believe we need to use alternative sources of energy to help reduce carbon dioxide emissions. We need to get a handle on climate change and clean electricity is one way to do it!

Secondly, there is an opportunity for some of my neighbors to seek employment while this solar project is being built. There are few jobs here in Parkfield and we are about 35 miles from Paso Robles.

Finally, First Solar has been most gracious in helping our community to achieve our goal of building a permanent library. We have a one room school and our students need access to a library, as we all do!

Thank you for your consideration.  
Alice Howard



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April 8, 2015

TO: San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

RE: Request by California Flats Solar, LLC, for Conditional Use Permit, DRC2014-00016

Dear Planning Commissioners,

The Project (including road improvements) has the potential to induce growth by introducing industrial development and disturbance in a previously pristine area. The EIR should address the “ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth....” CEQA Section 15126.2(d). For future development in the area, the project will reset the baseline for consideration of impacts to threatened and endangered species, impacting the potential for species recovery. This growth-inducing impact of the project and access improvement that could facilitate other activities significantly affecting the environment is not evaluated. Per the CEQA Guidelines: “It must not be assumed that growth in any area is necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.” 15126.2(d).

**Permit conditions and mitigations should include the following:**

- AQ-6(c) – Project shall notify SLO County Health Department before construction starts and shall notify SLO Co Health Department of all cases of Valley Fever.
- B-1 (a) Applicant shall provide the conservation easements. Providing funds for acquisition of conservation easements is not sufficient.
- B-1 (b) An HMMP shall be prepared within 6 months of issuance of a grading permit.
- Applicant shall provide funding to SLO County for peer review of HMMP, HRRP, PVIMP and WMMP.
- Mitigation Ratios for Wetland Habitat: Permanent fill for road crossings shall be mitigated at 2:1, similar to the 2:1 mitigation for permanent fill for project site.

Temporary access unrestored for more than one rainy season shall be mitigated at a rate of 1:1. Temporary dewatering of wetlands by new construction wells shall be mitigated at 2:1. Permanent dewatering shall be mitigated at 3:1.

- HAZ-4 (b) Emergency Access: All access gate lock codes, combinations, and/or Knox box codes shall be provided to the SLO County Emergency Operations Dispatch prior to construction and CDF Emergency Operations Dispatch. Also prior to construction, a 24-hour contact person with access to all access gates shall be identified and the contact number provided to the SLO County Emergency Operations Dispatch and CDF Emergency Operations Dispatch.
- HYD-2(a) Accidental Spill Control and Environmental Training. Prior to the issuance of any grading and/or building permit, the project applicant shall submit a Spill Response Plan and Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan to SLO County for review and approval.
- Prior to the issuance of a construction permit, the applicant shall provide SLO County with a copy of the final Construction Management Plan approved by CAL FIRE that includes measures that adequately reduce the demand for fire protection services.
- PS-1(c) Fire Protection during Construction. A copy of the final executed agreement between Cal Fire and the applicant shall be submitted to SLO County.

Thank you for the opportunity to address these issues,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Christie".

Andrew Christie,  
Chapter Director